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TAGS: EFIS, SENV, JA

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: US BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE  
PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 051569

1. IN LIGHT COMMENTS PARA 1 REFTEL RE SUCCESS BOYCOTT IN US, EMBASSY SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT SILENCE THIS END. JAPANESE PRESS, WHICH NORMALLY QUICK TO PICK UP ANY ACTIVITIES OF THIS NATURE, HAS NOT, TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, MADE ANY REFERENCE TO BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE PRODUCTS IN US IN SUPPORT OF MOVES FOR CONSERVATION OF WHALES. WE HAVE ALSO HAD NO MENTION OF THIS PROBLEM FROM ANY OF OUR CONTACTS IN JAPANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND NEITHER FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BROACHED SUBJECT. REGIONAL FISHATT HAS LIKEWISE HAD NO COMMENT FROM EITHER OFFICIAL OR BUSINESS SOURCES ON THIS TOPIC.

2. AT THIS TIME OF INCREASED CONCERN OVER JAPAN'S TRADE BALANCE, DUE IMPACT INCREASED OIL COSTS, JAPANESE BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE MOST SENSITIVE TO ANY THREAT TO JAPAN'S EXPORT TRADE. IN THIS CONTEXT, U.S. MARKET, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR LARGE PERCENTAGE OF JAPAN'S EXPORTS, IS ONE THAT  
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IS WATCHED CLOSELY. SHOULD BOYCOTT ASSUME PROPORTIONS WHICH

WOULD IMPACT SIGNIFICANTLY ON JAPANESE SALES IN U.S., EMBASSY  
BELIEVES THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE WOULD DEVELOP WITHIN JAPAN-  
ESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO REACH SOME COMPROMISE WITH USG OVER  
WHALE ISSUE. TO DATE WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT BOYCOTT HAS  
GENERATED ANY SUCH PRESSURE.  
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